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Stephan Morse, Chair
Vermont State Board of Education
c/o Carol King, Executive Assistant
120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

February 7, 2014

Dear Chairman Morse,

At a special meeting of the Rutland South Supervisory Union's Board of School Directors on February 5, 2014, the following motion was approved by a vote of 10-0-1 (abstention):

The Rutland South Supervisory Union Board of School Directors supports the application of the Tinmouth School District to the Vermont State Board of Education seeking reassignment of the Tinmouth School District from Rutland Southwest Supervisory Union to Rutland South Supervisory Union.

During discussion on the motion, board members raised questions relating to the mechanics of how Tinmouth Elementary School would be included into those services that are now provided by Rutland South. Information technology support and transportation are services provided and coordinated through the RSSU. Including Tinmouth into those systems will take some planning and further agreement. Special education services will become an RSSU function as of July 1, 2014. Ensuring the smooth transfer of those services from Rutland Southwest into RSSU will also require planning, discussion and agreement. RSSU has the capacity to incorporate Tinmouth's needs; however, accommodating those needs in a timely fashion was an issue raised by some board members.

On January 22, 2014, the Mill River Union High School Board of School Directors voted unanimously to support Tinmouth's application to the State Board for reassignment to Rutland South Supervisory Union.

I look forward to a discussion of Tinmouth's application for reassignment and Rutland South Supervisory Union's support for that reassignment at the February 18, 2014 meeting of the State Board.

Sincerely,

Dana J. Cole-Levesque, Superintendent

C: Ed Hemmer, Chair, RSSU
Joan Paustian, Superintendent RSWSU